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## (U) CALIFORNIA

### (U) Pasadena—Bag with Note Specifying Police Employees Prompts Street Closures

(U) Authorities notified the Los Angeles County Sheriff's bomb squad and closed nearby streets after someone left a bag with a note—mentioning names of police employees—at the back door of the Pasadena police department yesterday afternoon. As a precaution, station employees were moved to the opposite side of the building. The bomb squad did not find any explosives, and the fire department is taking the lead on investigating, according to law enforcement.

SOURCE: 8 August 2017, [San Gabriel Valley Tribune](#)

### (U) Oakhurst—Man Shot and Killed After Confronting Pot Growers

(U) A property owner in Trinity County was shot and killed on 7 August after confronting three men illegally growing marijuana on his rural land, according to police. Investigators were at the scene yesterday, but a Madera County Sheriff's spokesperson said they had not immediately determined how many pot plants were growing on the land. The killing came as tensions rise in rural California communities where new marijuana growers are clashing with longtime residents who complain that pot attracts crime to their neighborhoods.

SOURCE: 8 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

## (U) NATIONAL

### (U) District of Columbia—Authorities Accuse Teen of Offering Bomb Threat Services on Dark Net

(U) Washington—Authorities accused an American-Israeli teenager with bomb threats against Jewish community centers and schools nationwide, according to recently unsealed court documents. The suspect allegedly made 245 telephonic bomb threats to Jewish centers and schools from January to March, using an online calling service to mask his voice and identity. The suspect also advertised his services on the illicit, now-shuttered online marketplace called "Alphabay," according to authorities.

SOURCE: 8 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

### (U) Maryland—Man Indicted for ISIS Support, Attempted Murder of FBI Agent

(U) Landover Hills—A federal grand jury indicted a Maryland man on charges of trying to provide support to ISIS militants and attempting to murder an FBI agent, according to a statement from prosecutors yesterday. The suspect allegedly attempted to provide support to ISIS from October 2015 to September 2016, when he was arrested as he was preparing to attack a US military service member, according to a US Justice Department statement. The statement, however, provided no detail on the charge of attempting to murder an FBI agent. The suspect faces life in prison.

SOURCE: 8 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

### (U) Michigan—Airport Stabbing Suspect Called Himself 'Soldier of Allah'

(U) Genesee County—The Canadian man accused of slicing the throat of an airport officer at Bishop International Airport in Flint, Michigan, on 21 June went to Flint with the sole purpose of killing US government employees in the name of Allah, according to court documents. The suspect—who idealized Osama Bin Laden—told the FBI in an interview that the attack was his "mission" as a "soldier of Allah," and he threatened to kill the interviewing agents if given the chance, according to court documents.

SOURCE: 8 August 2017, [WNEM News](#)

### (U) Missouri—Deputies Capture Two Men Accused of Throwing Explosives at Officers

(U) Joplin—Jasper County deputies captured two suspects who threw explosives at officers during a traffic stop on 7 August, according to reporting. The suspects allegedly threw two explosive devices out of their vehicle window while police were in pursuit, hitting one of the police cruisers and causing the officer

to crash into a tree. Police recovered the vehicle and arrested the suspects later that day.  
SOURCE: 8 August 2017, [KY3 News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Afghanistan—Taliban Releases 235 Hostages After Massacre**

(U) Mirzawalang—The Taliban released 235 hostages from the village of Mirzawalang yesterday, where officials allege the terrorist group massacred 50 civilians and captured hundreds more in a joint-attack with ISIS insurgents. Officials estimate around 100 more people are being held hostage at the time of reporting. Taliban and ISIS fighters have regularly clashed with each other in Afghanistan, but have teamed up in the past to strike Afghan forces in certain areas, according to security sources.  
SOURCE: 8 August 2017, [Agence France Presse](#)

**(U) Australia—'Abu Adam' Urges Terror Attacks Against Australia, Philippines**

(U) Canberra—In the latest ISIS propaganda video, Australian-born ISIS fighter Mounir Raad—aka "Abu Adam"—called on Australians to carry out attacks in the Philippines, or in Australia, using weapons such as nail guns and trucks, according to reporting. Authorities have yet to see Australians drawn to the Philippines to support ISIS, but they concede it is a possibility, according to the Australian Justice Minister. The newly-released ISIS video is the first in months to feature "Abu Adam."  
SOURCE: 8 August 2017, [Sydney Morning Herald](#)

**(U) Iran—Iranian Drone Comes Close to US Fighter Jet**

(U) Tehran—An unarmed Iranian drone came within 100 feet of a US Navy warplane as it prepared to land on the USS Nimitz in the Persian Gulf yesterday, according to a US official. Despite repeated calls to stay clear, the Iranian drone "executed unsafe and unprofessional altitude changes" close to the US plane. While similar incidents between the United States and Iran are common, yesterday's incident was the first time an Iranian drone came dangerously close to a US fighter plane in the Persian Gulf.  
SOURCE: 8 August 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) France—Man Arrested After Ramming Soldiers with Car**

(U) Paris—French police shot and wounded a man suspected of deliberately ramming his vehicle into a group of soldiers outside a barracks at the Place de Verdun in Levallois-Perret last night, according to authorities. The suspect was arrested and France's counterterror unit is investigating the attack, which left six soldiers injured, three seriously, according to Paris police. This is the sixth incident to affect French security forces in 2017, according to reporting.  
SOURCE: 9 August 2017, [CNN](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) California—Millions of Gallons of Waste Threaten US Border Patrol Agents**

(U) Imperial Beach—Some 59 Border Patrol agents have reported getting sick in the last three months after exposure to pollutants while working along the border. One agent suffered severe chemical burns on his feet after toxic chemicals burned through his boots, according to a US Border Patrol union. A union official also claimed that numerous agents have suffered from gas inhalation, chemical burns, and lung damage/infections. The International Boundary and Water Commission is investigating.  
SOURCE: 8 August 2017, [Fox News](#)

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